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SUBJECT: GOA QUERY ON DOD STUDY OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CONTROLS

1. A FEBRUARY 4, 1976 REPORT OF SPECIAL DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD TASK FORCE ENTITLED "AN ANALYSIS OF EXPORT CONTROL OF U.S. TECHNOLOGY - A DOD PERSPECTIVE," HAS NOW COME TO ATTENTION OF GOA, AND EMBASSY ON MARCH 14 RECEIVED FORMAL INQUIRY FROM MFA WESTERN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR AGSTNER CONCERNING WHAT RELATIONSHIP REPORT HAS TO USG POLICY TOWARD AUSTRIA.

2. AGSTNER PROVIDED THREE EXCERPTS FROM REPORT WHICH HE SAID WERE PARTICULARLY DISTURBING TO GOA SINCE THEY TEND TO PORTRAY AUSTRIA AS FELLOW-TRAVELER NEUTRAL AND HANDMAIDEN OF COMMUNIST INTERESTS. EMBASSY HAS SINCE DETERMINED THAT THEY WERE FROM PARAS IV (4) AND (6) OF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON PAGES XIV AND XV OF REPORT AND RELATED PORTIONS OF FINDING IV (D) ON PAGE 20. FIRST PARA OF FINDING IV (D) INDICATES CONCERN THAT PARTICULARLY MIDDLE EAST NATIONS

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AND WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS NOT MEMBERS OF COCOM, "PRINCIPALLY SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, AND AUSTRIA," COULD BECOME PIPELINES FOR TRANSFER OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES; FOURTH PARA CONCLUDES THAT "KEY ELEMENTS OF HIGH-VELOCITY STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY... SHOULD NOT BE EXPORTED TO THESE COUNTRIES."

3. AGSTNER SAID AUSTRIA SEEMS TO BE CATCHING IT FROM BOTH SIDES (HE HAD PREVIOUSLY PRODUCED VIENNA COMMUNIST "VOLKSSTIMME" ARTICLE ON REPORT IN MOSCOW'S "SOWJETSKAJA ROSSIJA" CAPTIONED "NATO STRATEGISTS WANT TO "INTEGRATE" AUSTRIA") AND SIMPLY HAS TO BE SENSITIVE ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S. THAT TEND TO LUMP AUSTRIA WITH NON-EUROPEAN STATES OR OTHERWISE CONTROVERT FACT THAT AUSTRIA IS PART OF WESTERN EUROPE AND IDENTIFIES ITSELF WITH EUROPE. IN THIS RESPECT, AGSTNER SAID, GOA ALSO COMPLAINS WHEN EC INDULGES ITS TENDENCY TO SPEAK OF THE FOR EUROPE TO EXCLUSION OF AUSTRIA.

4. EMBOFF ASSURED AGSTNER THAT, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS REPORT, DOD'S AUTHORIZATION OF ITS ISSUANCE DID NOT MEAN ITS RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BECOME USG POLICY, HE SAID HE WOULD CONVEY GOA CONCERNS ABOUT IT TO WASHINGTON AND REQUEST INFORMATION CONCERNING RELATIONS, IF ANY, IT HAS TO ESTABLISHED USG POLICY WITH RESPECT TO TECHNOLOGY EXPORT CONTROLS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSE THAT EMBASSY CAN CONVEY TO MFA. BUCHANAN

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